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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Room 9

## Is your message getting through?

Resettlement Pathway: Mental, Physical Health / Benefit Debt / Children & Families

Participants: 12 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police (Divert), 1 Gateway (Divert), 2 YMCA & 3 Hope

### LEARNINGS

'If I had a £200 plasma in my room, could I lock my door?'  
(Offender)  
'All our HMOs have locking bedrooms but lots of residents don't use them.'  
(HOPE)  
'What's an HMO? Do you support ex-service personnel?'  
(Prison Staff)  
'House of Multiple Occupancy. We have links with all groups.'  
(HOPE)

'Will I have local connection because I had a tenancy back in 2007-08?'  
(Offender)  
'The local authority would need to look at the circumstances but your time in custody & tenancy would likely count toward local connection'.  
(Divert/Gateway)

'Opportunity exists to complete gym placements voluntarily, through YMCA Bournemouth or Broadstone'  
(YMCA)  
'Can I continue with my level 3 (gym qualification) in the community?'  
(Offender)

HOPE, YMCA and other providers will strive to address your individual housing needs.

There are Dialogues in the community that you can attend to discuss issues relevant to you.

Communicate with whoever you can and take all the support offered.

'Hope house can offer counselling and other support (mentoring) to it's residents.'  
(Hope)  
'How do you deal with lapses?'  
(Offender)  
'Do you tell Probation?'  
(Offender)  
'We encourage you to be honest and allow you 24 hours before we advise Probation.'  
(YMCA)



'Can you do any of these courses on methadone?'  
(Offender)  
'It's our understanding if you are stable on methadone then housing and other services can work with you but will have to undertake their own assessment.'  
(Divert)

'Try to look beyond the terminology used e.g. Hostel, support, counselling, as these facilities often offer far more than the name implies.'  
(Divert/Gateway)  
'Be careful how you use the support of your families and loved ones, sometimes trained staff are better placed to guide you and offer unbiased advice and support.'  
(Prison Staff)

'I am on an IPP, I have an exclusion order. Can I be considered for any of these housing providers?'  
(Service User)  
'This decision is made by your Probation Officer based on your individual circumstances.'  
(Divert)

Bournemouth Threshold Dialogue brings Bournemouth offenders together in open conversation with the agencies responsible for their supervision and support. Dialogues are themed on the issues affecting re-offending. The process starts in custody and continues post-release in the community, emphasising support, challenge, responsibility and early intervention. Threshold Dialogue is supported by Bournemouth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership.